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STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, MT
Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conference Room
November 11-12, 2019

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY
TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.

Monday, November 11, 2019

10:00 a.m. **STRC Call to Order - Roll Call**
Sen. Jason Small, chair

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Administrative Matters

- STRC Budget Overview - Ms. Stockwell

10:05 a.m. **Improving communication between tribes and Child Protective Services in child neglect cases**

I) Department of Public Health and Human Services current practices:
Marti Vining, Children & Family Services Division Administrator
Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager

II) The Yellowstone County District ICWA Court experience:
The Honorable Rod Souza, Judge
Brooke Baracker-Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Edie Adams, Qualified Expert Witness
Jim Reintsma, Parent Attorney
Juli Pierce, Guardian ad Litem
Jenn Weber, Child Protective Services Supervisor, DPHHS

Questions/discussion -- STRC
Public comment
Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

- 1:00 p.m. **Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Update**
- Jason Smith, Director
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **Treaty rights and tribal land status**
- Overview - Majel Russell, attorney
 - US Supreme Court Herrera decision followup- Kyle Gray, attorney
 - Publication proposal - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. **HJ 10 Study of barriers to American Indian voting in Montana**
- Current law and practices for voter registration, address, and ID requirements - Ms. Stockwell (Tab 1)
 - Summary of litigation history - Ms. Sankey Keip
 - Indian Country perspectives
 - Cherylann Eagle, Indian People's Action
 - Donavan Archambault, plaintiff, *Wandering Medicine v. McCulloch*
 - Marci McLean Pollock, Western Native Voice
 - Election administrator perspectives
 - Dulcie Bear Don't Walk, Big Horn County
 - Joan Duffield, Rosebud County
 - Tammy Williams, Blaine County
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 5:00 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC
- 5:15 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC
- 8:15 a.m. **Tribal Uniform Commercial Codes and barriers to lending on reservations for economic development**
- Leonard Smith, Executive Director, Native American Development Corporation
 - Shawn Real Bird, Chairman, State Tribal Economic Development Commission
 - Casey Lozar, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (invited)
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:15 a.m. **Final adoption of work plan** (Tab 2)
- Review - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - STRC discussion, adoption of work plan
- 9:30 a.m. **Review future meeting dates and locations**
- March 5-6, 2020 -- Helena
 - Week of May 4, 2020 -- CSKT/Blackfeet Visits?
 - June 24-26 -- Fort Peck/Fort Belknap Visits?
- 9:45 a.m. **Other Business**
- Instructions to Staff**
- 10:00 a.m. **Adjourn**
- 10:30 a.m. **Tour Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center**
1230 N 30th Street
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch on your own
- 12:45 p.m. Meet at Yellowstone County District Court, 217 N 27th Street, Room 508
- 1:30 p.m. **Observe ICWA Court**
- 2:30 p.m. Depart Billings

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